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PASS TO NOAA FOR NELS E. JOHNSON (TEL. 202-377-2977)

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SUBJ: DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE EMBASSY PROPOSES TO PASS TO THE GOC CONCERNING USG SUPPORT OF THE BOGOTA UPPER AIR STATION AND GOC LONG AND SHORT TERM VAP TRAINING REQUEST: "I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE RECENT CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING CONTINUED METEOROLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOGOTA UPPER AIR STATION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA PLANS TO SUBMIT A REVISED VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP) REQUEST TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) FOR IMPROVED EQUIPMENT AND EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES FOR THE UPPER AIR STATION AT BOGOTA. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL ENDORSE THE REQUEST AND WILL ENSURE THAT IT BE HONORED EARLY IN 1977, ALTHOUGH AS EXPLAINED DURING THE CONSULTATIONS, IT CANNOT DEFINE WHAT TYPE OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN ADDITION TO EQUIPMENT, THE REQUEST WILL INCLUDE EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES FOR ONE OBSERVATION PER DAY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1978, AND TWO OBSERVATIONS PER DAY DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1979. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE IMPROVED EQUIPMENT IS INSTALLED AND FUNCTIONING, THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA),

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U.S. DEPARTEMENT OF COMMERCE, WILL PROVIDE EXPENDABLE

SUPPLIES FOR ONE OBSERVATION PER DAY. ALSO, WHEN THE IMPROVED EQUIPMENT IS INSTALLED AND FUNCTIONING, NOAA WILL WITHDRAW THE SCR 658, THE GROUND EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY IN USE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ALSO NOTES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA PLANS TO SUBMIT A VAP REQUEST TO THE WMO FOR TWO SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS OF ABOUT THREE WEEKS DURATION FOR TRAINING IN THE MAINTENANCE OF GMD RAWINSONDE EQUIPMENT. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH NOAA, WILL MAKE AN OFFER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA THROUGH THE WMO TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED TRAINING. FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA HAS AN EXISTING VAP REQUEST TO THE WMO FOR LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIPS IN METEOROLOGY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH NOAA, WILL MAKE AN OFFER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA THROUGH THE WMO TO PROVIDE TWO LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIPS IN SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY LEADING TO BACHELOR'S DEGREES FROM A UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

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